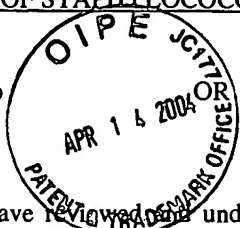


DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below named inventors, We hereby declare that: Our residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to our names. We believe we are an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

INHIBITORS OF STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS PRIMARY SIGMA FACTOR AND USES THEREOF

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We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part application(s), material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

We hereby claim foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application(s) which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application(s) having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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We hereby appoint all attorneys of SUGHRUE MION, PLLC who are listed under the USPTO Customer Number shown below as our attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, recognizing that the specific attorneys listed under that Customer Number may be changed from time to time at the sole discretion of Sughrue Mion, PLLC, and request that all correspondence about the application be addressed to the address filed under the same USPTO Customer Number.

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